

**RESOLUTION NO. 20090924-072**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council believes partnering with community members to address neighborhood improvement priorities provides a cooperative and engaging approach to promoting, revitalizing, and enhancing communities and neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Austin provides funding to neighborhood planning areas to address neighborhood improvement projects through the Neighborhood Enhancement Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Seattle's Neighborhood Matching Fund program should serve as a model for a new city-wide initiative, in particular its use of specific program goals and objectives; project application and eligibility requirements; and requisite match of city finances with neighborhood funds and/or volunteer services; and

**WHEREAS**, this new initiative will allow neighborhood residents and community members to identify and participate in projects that improve the quality of life in a specific neighborhood or community area while demonstrating public benefit; and

**WHEREAS**, projects funded through the program will match a significant contribution of human and financial resources of the neighborhood or community with small grants of city funding and staff expertise to form a cooperative partnership and reflect the City of Austin's

values of promoting the cultural arts, active public spaces, diversity, sustainability, energy efficiency, and neighborhood character; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

The City Manager is directed to develop a program which supports and enhances neighborhood improvement projects while better leveraging public resources.

The City Manager is further directed to brief Council on development of the program on or before January 22, 2010, including identification of potential existing funding, and creation of a timeline for program implementation within this fiscal year.

**ADOPTED:** September 24, 2009

**ATTEST:**

  
Shirley A. Gentry  
City Clerk